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APRIL 15, 2002

CALVIN J WHITTAKER PO BOX 10 LEADORE ID 83464

RE: Water District No. #74-Z

Dear Mr. Whittaker:

We acknowledge receipt of the Minutes of the Annual Watermaster's Election Meeting held in your district. We now have all the needed documents to complete the certification process in your water district.

Thank you.

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Harold W Jones water Rights Supervisor

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Minutes of Water District 74-Z Annual Meeting held Monday, March 4, 2002 at 2:15 P.M. at the Leadore Community center, Leadore, Idaho.

The following members were in attendance:

Carl Ellsworth James Whittaker Bruce McConnell Tony Nef Earl Peterson Cal Whittaker Ralph McRea Tom Udy Eastern Resident Re

The meeting was called to order by Bruce McConnell, Chairman of the Board, who read the minutes of last year's meeting, which was approved as written.

In the matter of a budget for the coming year, after reviewing the Watermaster's year 2002 Proposed Budget and some further discussion, it was decided to adopt a budget of \$5,408.99. A motion was made to this effect, seconded and approved.

A motion was made to keep the salary, travel expenses, and annual report the same as last year, which was \$300.00 per month salary, \$450.00 equipment rental (travel) and \$40.00 for the yearly Watermaster Report. Seconded and approved by the group.

It was proposed and approved to again have the Lemhi County Treasurer bill and collect the District's water tax monies from the District's water users for this adopted budget and then disburse the funds to the Water District's Treasurer for payment of the District's obligations.

In the matter of hiring a watermaster for the 2002 season, a motion was made to keep and rehire Richard Moll as Watermaster. Seconded and approved with one dissenting vote.

No date was set to have the Watermaster go on and start measuring water, but may be signed on as early as April 1, 2002 if needed, at the request of one water user, in conformity with Idaho State law, and to serve until October 1, 2002, at which time he may be signed on to serve an additional length of time, but not to exceed October 31, 2002. Approved by the group.

Bruce McConnell requested that Ed Peterson's winter water permit out of Lee Creek be turned off by April 1. It was requested and Bruce consented to contact Harold Jones of the State Water Dept. to have Ed Peterson go up and turn his water right off so it can come down the creek.

James Whittaker and Bruce McConnell were selected to represent the District in the negotiation meetings of the Lemhi River water.

It was proposed and approved to retain all those items from last year's minutes pertaining to the good management and operating practices of the water district. They are:

- 1. That the watermaster turn in each month's records prior to getting paid each month.
- 2. That the watermaster start measuring water at 8:00 A.M. when stream flow is on the increase, and that measurement be made between 10:00 A.M. and 12:00 Noon when stream flow is on the decrease, but allowing some flexibility for the watermaster to usehis own discretion as to the need of the district.

- As has always been done, all water in the creeks over and above the existing water rights be divided proportionaly to the existing rights and decrees by the watermaster.
- That the watermaster may call upon the owner for assistance in getting water into or out of a ditch.

In one more item of business, it was proposed to have the treasurer buy some postcards and give to the watermaster for use in contacting members of the water district if he has some problem with their water or other concern. Approved.

In the selection of officers for 2002, it was proposed and approved to keep the same ones in office for another year. They are:

Bruce McConnell, Chairman Cal Whittaker, Secretary/Treasurer

Ralph McRea, Advisory Committee James Whittaker, Advisory Committee Tom Udy, Advisory Committee

A motion was made to have the amount of assessment to each water user as shown on the adopted 2002 budget become due and payable May 1, 2002, and that amounts if not so paid shall bear interest at the rate of 10% per annum as of May 1st of the year payment is due, until paid. Approved.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:16 P.M.

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